

## ONE MAN'S OPINIONS

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Being a "Perfect Fool."—The other night, in company with a friend, I passed a couple of young girls who were laughing, as the common saying goes, "to beat the band." My friend turned to me and said: "Don't they act like perfect fools?"

That is just about enough to set you thinking. Just was is a fool? Those two girls were evidently having one grand time. At least their loud laughing indicated such. They were bothering no one and no one was bothering them. About the only thing to lay the laughing to, perhaps, is one of those traveling salesman stories.

Anyhow, their systems were shaking forth great peals of laughter and they were thoroughly enjoying it. Now, if that is what you call being one kind of a fool—well, it wouldn't be a bad idea if we would all play fool now and then.

Of course, that don't mean to rip up any street corners or startle the neighborhood, but one good hearty laugh in the open is worth two choked up in your insides.

And, besides, this particular night was a beastly hot one and it really cools one off to see two folks disregarding the heat long enough to laugh at something else.

That Oak Park "L."—It's been a funny game of checkers the Oak Park elevated company and the public utilities commission have been playing. And where the funny part comes in, the Oak Park "L" has forgotten to make its move.

The commission has been there with bells on, moving that the company do this and moving that they do that. But the "L" side of the game has been asleep—or else too wide awake.

The latest move in the game says that the "L" must either elevate their tracks out in the west end or stop

their cars at every street crossing. That sort of indicates that the commission made one move and then backed up on it. First it was demanded that the company do one thing—elevate. Now they have the choice of elevation or stopping at every crossing.

Isn't that the blameiest game of move you ever heard of? When you come right down to brass tacks, however, it looks as if it is still the commission's play. And that play is to MAKE the "L" road put things in condition so that folks out in West Austin and Oak Park are safe when the "L" trains come buzzin' by.

Austinites and Oak Parkers are getting tired of Watchful Waiting.

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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### THE LABOR AFFAIR

Editor Day Book:—I have been reading your little paper since its inception and am very glad that organized labor has a true friend in the newspaper business. In the last few weeks a Chicago paper has been on the warpath against labor leaders and business agents. In reply to this war I would respectfully ask a favor of you by publishing the following opinion:

The agitation in the Chicago Herald against corrupt labor leaders and business agents is nothing else than an attempt of the employers to beat organized labor to a frazzle by trying to railroad some one responsible for the increase in wages and good working conditions workingmen are getting continually. If the bosses who have published names and checks given these men would not try to play the innocent, but state true facts, it would clear the entire situation much quicker than to have courts decide whether anything has been done illegally.

Let these bosses admit that they do not want union men to work for them, and when caught in that situation on a job they assume that they